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**PROCEDURE PURSUANT TO**  
**37 CFR § 1.116**

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In re Application of:  
**Murray Edward Bruce Leighton**  
Application No.: **10/088,042**  
Filing Date: **July 11, 2002**  
For: **Method of and Apparatus for Sealing Zipper to a Substrate**

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In response to the Final Official Action dated **March 10, 2004**, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- Amendments to the Specification** begin on page of this paper.
- Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.